payment at the enhanced rate of Rs. 528/- per metric tonne towards royalty on crude oil for the year 1993-94 has been made subject to adjustment on notification of the final rate of royalty and the finalisation of crude price in due course.

Petroleum and Natural Gas Plants in the country

1258. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Petroleum and Natural Gas Plants functioning in the country, State-wise, particularly in the State of Gujarat at present;

(b) the details of the production of these plants during the last three years, plant-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether Government have any proposal of its own or whether any proposal has been received by it from the State Government of Gujarat for setting up some new plants in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) (i) 13 refineries, 82 bottling, plants, lube blending plants, LPG recovery plants and a number of exploration and production projects are functioning in various States of the country.

(ii) One refinery, 6 bottling plants and one LPG recovery plant are functioning in Gujarat. The details of production of these plants during the last three years, was as follows:—

(in TMTPA)

	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94 provisional
Gujarat Refinery	9380	9778	9434
LPG recovery Plant	—	5.32	39.88

(iii) The bottling capacity of LPG bottling plants located in Gujarat is 262 TMTPA.

(c) and (d) The plants proposed to be set up by public sector oil companies in Gujarat are as under:—

(i) Setting up of LPG bottling plants at Ahmedabad and Bhavnagar.

(ii) Expansion of Gujarat refinery from 9.5 MMTPA to 12.5 MMTPA capacity.

(iii) A joint venture Gas Processing Complex in Gandhar for 8 MMSCMD of gas through-put.

(iv) Setting up of LPG import facilities at Kandla.

(v) Letters of intent have been issued to the following parties for setting up of refineries in Gujarat:—

1. Reliance Industries 9.00 MMTPA
2. International Petroleum SA (BVI) Switzerland 5.00 MMTPA (EOU)
3. ESSAR Investment 9.00 MMTPA
4. M/s.Meplac Udyog 0.50 MMTPA

Progress in providing Tapti Gas to Pipavav in Gujarat

1259. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far for providing Tapti gas to Pipavav in Gujarat;

(b) whether Government have received the proposal from the State Government in this regard;

(c) if so what action has been taken by Government so far; and

(d) by when it is likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d). Requests have been received from Government of Gujarat from time to time for the allocation of gas from Mid-Tapti and South Tapti to the Pipavav power project. It has been decided to take the gas from Mid-Tapti and South-Tapti to Hazira to meet the existing commitments ex-Hazira and along the HBJ pipeline, Government of Gujarat have been advised to base the pipavav power project on alternative fuel.

Requirement of States for Petroleum Products

1260. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fresh request for the supply of Petrol, Diesel and Kerosene have been received from any State, particularly from the State of Gujarat; and

(b) if so, how much quantity of these items has been requested and how much has been supplied during the first quarter of this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b). Petrol and diesel are supplied in full as per the requirement every-where all over the country. Kerosene is an allocated product, Central Government makes bulk allocation to the States on historical basis, who manage its retail distribution.

Requests are received for additional allocation of kerosene from time to time. However, on account of constraints of product availability, foreign exchange and heavy subsidy involved, it is not possible to meet the full demand of the States. Moderate increase has been given to Gujarat during the past year and the current year.

The consumption of petrol, diesel and kerosene in Gujarat during the first quarter of 1994-95 is given below:—

*Figs. in TMTS

PETROL	75.62
DIESEL	439.69
KEROSENE	190.86

*Provisional

New LPG Bottling plant in Saurashtra Region of Gujarat

1261. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a new LPG bottling plant in the Saurashtra region of Gujarat State to cater to the customers of the Saurashtra and Kutch regions of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the details of the estimated cost of the project and location of the bottling plants;

(d) whether there is any collaboration with any foreign company for setting up of the proposed plant in this region; and

(e) if so, what is the name of the foreign agency and the terms and conditions settled therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) There is a proposal to set up a LPG bottling plant with a capacity of 44 TMTPA at Tangadi near Bhavnagar in saurashtra region with an estimated cost of Rupees 36 crores by Indian Oil Corporation Limited.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.